Requirement of Imported Edible Oil for PDS by Madhya Pradesh

3673. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had indicated any requirement of imported edible oil for the PDS for the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the requisite demand was met by Central Government and full quota was released to the State;

(d) if not, the actual allocation and the reasons for less allocation to the State; and

(e) whether Government propose to release the full quota of edible oil for PDS, as demanded by Government of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No. demand for imported edible oil for the PDS was received from Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Government of Madhya Pradesh has indicated 'Nil' requirement of imported edible oil for the PDS during 1997-98.

Non-Availability of Information Relating to Requirement, Production and Consumption of Edible Oils

3674. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether authenic information about the State-wise requirement, production and consumption of edible oils is not available with Government as the same is not maintained centrally;

(b) if so, the reasons threfore;

(c) how Government allocate the quota of edible oils to the States without having authentic information;

(d) whether this has resulted in discrimination between the States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Information about State-wise requirement, production and consumption of edible oils is not available with this Ministry. The production of edible oils is computed on the basis of oilseeds production data projected by the Agriculture Ministry. It is not possible to calculate the State-wise production of edible oils accurately in view of considerable movement of oilseeds from one State to another. Similarly, no mechanism exists to determine the requirement and consumption of edible oils separately for each State/UT.

(c) to (e) Govt. allocates imported palmolein to States/UTs for the PDS on the basis of several criteria like total import for Central Pool, demand received from the States, inter-se requirement of States/UTs, past offtake etc. Supply of imported edible oil through the PDS is on supplemental basis and meant to augment open market availability during the lean season–major festivals only.

Allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka

3675. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of wheat and kerosene to Karnataka during the last three years and the extent off-take thereof year-wise; and